Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

729. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry during the last four years in terms of standard physical and financial norms, year-wise and Undertaking-wise;

(b) the specific steps taken to improve the performance of Public Sector Undertakings and results achieved;

(c) whether a number of Board-level position of executives are lying vacant for months and years affecting efficiency performance of these units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the vacancy position alongwith the reasons for delay and steps proposed to ensure timely selection and placement of senior officers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Physical Performance with reference to production of fertilizers in terms of Nitrogen (N) and Phosphatic (p205) nutrients of the Public Sector Undertakings pertaining to the Department of Fertilizers is given below:-

('000MTs)

Name of PSU	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
	N	P_2O_5	N	P_2O_5	N	P_2O_5	N	P_2O_5
1. The Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.(FCI)	247.1	—	235.2	—	258.3	—	203.0	—
2. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.(HFC)	209.9	—	219.4	—	116.2	—	105.4	—
3. National Fertilizers Ltd.(HFL)	1067.6	—	1034.0	—	1104.8	—	1054.7	—
4. Fertilizers & Chemicals travancore Ltd.(FACT)	256.0	150.1	237.8	143.6	262.2	112.8	283.5	132.6
5. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.(RCF)	840.6	107.8	923.1	112.8	900.1	100.8	884.3	88.6
6. Madras Fertilizers Ltd.(MFL)	149.1	133.6	145.8	117.4	99.0	82.2	137.6	10.5
7. Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.(PPL)	115.4	295.0	94.1	240.4	69.3	177.1	126.7	323.9
8. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.(PPCL)	—	27.2	—	[illegible]	—	20.6	—	27.4

Projects & Development India Ltd. (PDIL) is primarily engaged in providing engineering & Consultancy services. However, its Catalysts Division is

engaged in manufacturing of catalysts used by the Fertilizer & Chemical Industry and the production performance of PDIL in this field is given below:—

('000 MTs)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Projects and Development India Ltd. (PDIL)	557	510	383	524

The production performance of the Public Sector Undertakings pertaining to the Department of Chemical and Petrochemicals is given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Public Sector Uundertaking	PRODUCTION			
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
				(In Rs. crores)	
1.	Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	156.34	176.48	165.02	215.00
2.	Hindustan Antibiotics Limited.	136.49	176.56	206.73	180.99
3.	Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	16.45	13.57	18.00	22.51
4.	Bengal Immunity Ltd.	16.20	15.72	15.43	16.32
5.	Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	6.21	10.18	3.47	1.79
				(In MTs)	
6.	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	267,919	273,786	249,490	271,150
7.	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	26,042	26,337	26,081	19,203
8.	Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.	444,287	537,407	588,789	887,358

(ii) Financial performance of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Fertilizers Corporation of India	(−)225.41	(−)225.98	(−)268.87	(−)345.87
2.	Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.	(−)330.53	(−)349.44	(−)366.73	(−)408.06
3.	National Fertilizers Limited	83.61	111.47	389.11	131.31
4.	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd.	29.00	2.85	12.41	72.16

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	18.78	(−)26.58	(−)12.03	191.76
6.	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	16.36	12.13	(−)58.49	4.91
7.	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	(−)13.09	(−)80.94	47.35	27.33
8.	Pyrites Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd.	0.24	(−)8.29	(−)15.52	(−)8.51
9.	Projects & Development India Ltd.	(−)16.49	(−)13.66	(−)19.85	(−)9.23
10.	Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited	(−)110.39	(−)83.44	(−)69.64	(−)59.00
11.	Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	1.94	1.99	(−)12.68	(−)18.00
12.	Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	(−)15.13	(−)12.74	(−)10.98	(−)2.85
13.	Bengal Immunity Ltd.	(−)8.91	(−)7.26	(−)9.50	(−)5.08
14.	Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	(−)4.98	(−)6.64	(−)6.99	(−)4.40
15.	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	32.74	20.04	21.67	28.00
16.	Hindustan Insecticides Limited	(−)6.26	0.44	2.00	2.50
17.	Indian Petrochemical Corporation Ltd.	55.02	131.78	89.17	582.32

(b) (i) the major steps being taken by various public sector fertilizer companies for modernisation, expansion and improvement in their overall performance are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Modernisation/Expansion/ Improvement Scheme
1	2	3
1.	M/s National Fertilizers Limited	(i) Convertor Retrofit in Bhatinda and Panipat Units. (ii) Urea Reactor in Panipat unit. (iii) Expansion of urea/ammonia capacity at Vijaipur unit.
2.	M/s Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	(i) Purge gas and argon recovery in Trombay unit. (ii) Energy saving scheme for Ammonia Plant at Thal unit. (iii) Ammonia retrofit project at Thal unit.
3.	M/s Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.	(i) Ammonia Retrofit Scheme (Cochin unit) (ii) Ammonia Replacement Project at Udyogamandal, Cochin.

1	2	3
4.	M/s Madras Fertilizers Limited	Revamping of the plants at Manali (Madras)
5.	M/s Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.	Turn around strategy for improving financial and overall performance including higher capacity utilisation of Single Superphosphate Plant at Amjhore.

Most of these schemes are still at various stages of implementation.

In respect of the two fertilizer producing sick public sector undertakings, namely, Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), the Government has recently approved, in principle, the revival packages which Talcher, Ramagundam and Sindri units of FCI, involving a fresh investment of Rs. 2201.13 crores (Rs. 464.93 crores for HFC and Rs. 1736.20 crores for FCI), apart from capital restructuring and other financial reliefs. The revamp of these units is expected to improve their capacity unitlisation and overall performance. The final decision on implementation of these packages would, however, depend upon the outcome of proceedings pending before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(ii) Various steps have been taken to improve the performance of the public sector undertaking pertaining to the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. Four of the five central public-sector undertakings in the pharmaceutical sector are sick. These four public sector undertakings are Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited (BCPL), Bengal Immunity Limited (BIL) and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited (SSPL). In compliance with the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 the respective Boards of Management had made a refernce in the prescribed manner to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The revival packages for these 4 PSUs have since been approved/sanctioned by the BIFR. The revival packages for IDPL, BCPL, BIL and SSPL inter-alia envisage higher production, sales, reduction in the production cost including rationalisation of the manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), fresh financial assistance from the promotors and capital restructuring etc.

Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL) has taken a number of steps to improve its performance like commissioning of the second stream of 800 TPA plant of Endosulfan Technical Plant at Alwaye, modification in Monocrotopos Technical Plant to update its tochnology, setting up of 150 TPA plant for commercial production of Dicofol acaricide, developed in-house at the company's R&D centre etc.

Hindustan Organics Chemicals Limited (HOCL) has taken various schemes of expansion and new projects like Aniline, Hydrogen and Nitrobenzene integrated projects.

The IPCL after reviewing the operation parameters took corrective steps to stablize operations of Nagothane complex. IPCL also took steps to access feed stock at international prices resulting in better performance in the year 1994-95.

As a part of measures to improve the performance of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), the Government has approved capital restructuring from 1st April, 1992 with a view to reducing the interest burden on the company. HAL has also been on the look out for seeking joint venture oportunities for technological upgradation and diversification.

(c) and (d) There are at present ten Board level posts vacant in the public

sector undertakings of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

The posts of Director (Finance) of Fertilizer Corporation of India and National Fertilizers Limited fell vacant on 5.4.1995 and 16.3.1995 respectively for which interviews have been held by the PESB.

The posts of CMD, and Director (Finance) of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF) fell vacant on 20.12.1995 and 17.4.1994 respectively. The selection process for the post of the CMD, RCF is at the final stages. A proposal has been made for upgrading the post of Director (Finance) in RCF to Schedule 'B' scale from schedule 'C' scale after which further action will be initiated for filling up of the post.

The process of selection for the post of Managing Director, Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited (SSPL) which fell vacant on 28.2.1995 is in the final stages.

The posts of Director (Finance) in Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL); Director (Marketing) and Director (Technical) in Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL) fell vacant on 30.6.95, 12.6.95 and 31.7.95 respectively. Action for filling up these posts has already been initiated.

The process of selection for the post of Director (Marketing) in Hindustan Insecticides Limited which fell vacant in December, 1993 is in the final stages.

The post of Director (R&D) in Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) fell vacant on 1.4.94. Action has been initiated to fill up the post.

All efforts are being made to ensure filling up of the posts as soon as possible. In the meantime it has been ensured that the functioning of the undertakings does not suffer on account of the vacanices by making alternative arrangements, wherever necessary.

Consumption of Fertilizer in U.P.

730. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare consumption of fertilizer in U.P. during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to provide any special assistance to the farmers for the proper usage of fertilizers during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The estimated per hectare fertiliser consumption in Uttar Pradesh during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is 88.75 and 99.27 kg. nutrients respectively.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to provide any special assistance to Uttar Pradesh for proper usage of fertilisers. However, under the continuing schemes, which are given below, Central assistance will be available to Uttar Pradesh alongwith other States to strengthen plant nutrient use:—

(i) Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilisers.

(ii) National Project on Development of Fertiliser Use in Low Consumption and Rainfed Areas.